



Challenge Prince Albert II

29-30 November 2019

Newsletter

Dear friends, we are now a week away from the start of this 15th edition of the Challenge Prince Albert II.

We look forward to welcoming you and we are impatient to seeing you compete in our beautiful bay of Monaco.

Below you will find a lot of useful information that we encourage you to read.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please let us know at contactcpa2@monaco.mc.

Sportively yours,

The Organizing Committee

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I. Provisional Race Schedule

THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER

All day long @Meeting room of the Monaco Yacht Club	Registration confirmation
9:30 – 16:45	Free training
18:30	Delegates and Captains Meeting

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER – Preliminary races 4000m

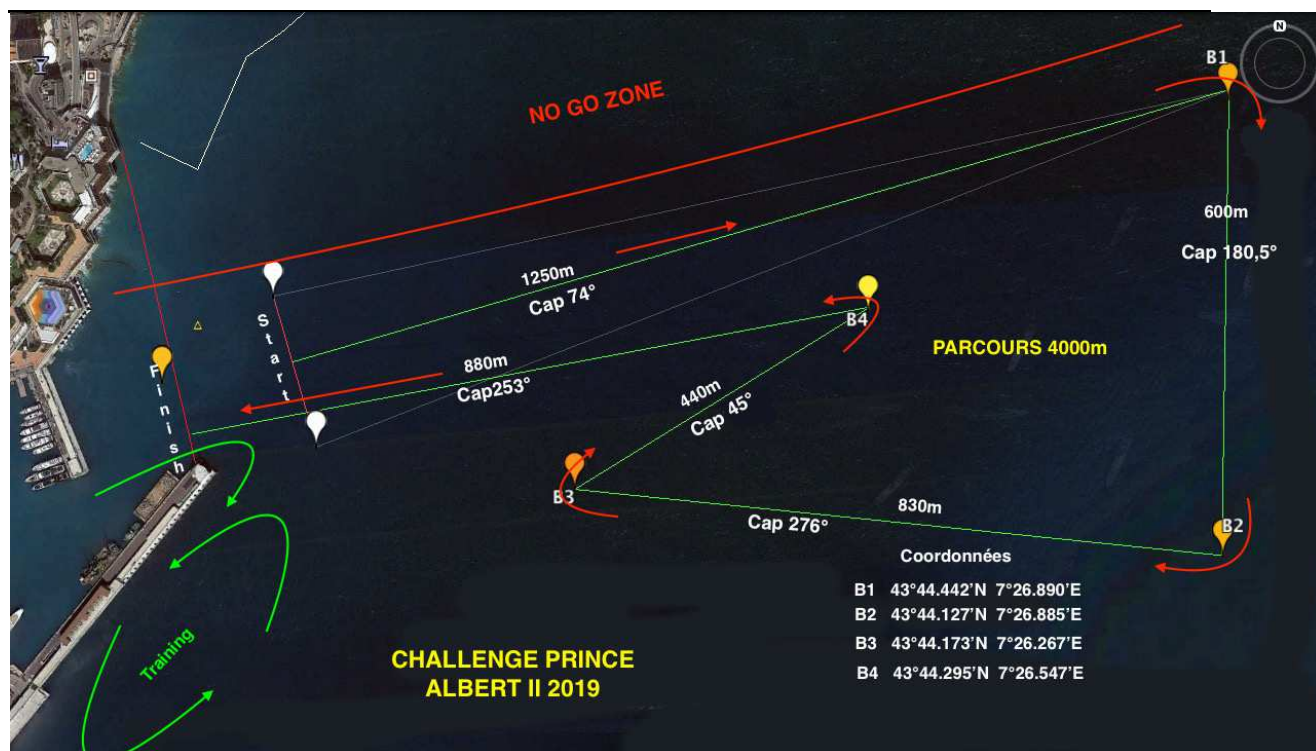
TIME	EVENTS	Nb OF ENTRIES
GROUP A		
09:30	CMix4X + Master CM4X	14
10:10	CM1X	15
10:50	CW2X	15
11:30	CW4X+	16
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Break	
GROUP B		
13:30	CMix2X	7
14:10	CM4X+	16
14:50	CW1X	8
15:30	CM2X	15
16:00	End of the races	
17:30	Delegates and Captains' Meeting	

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER – Races 6000m

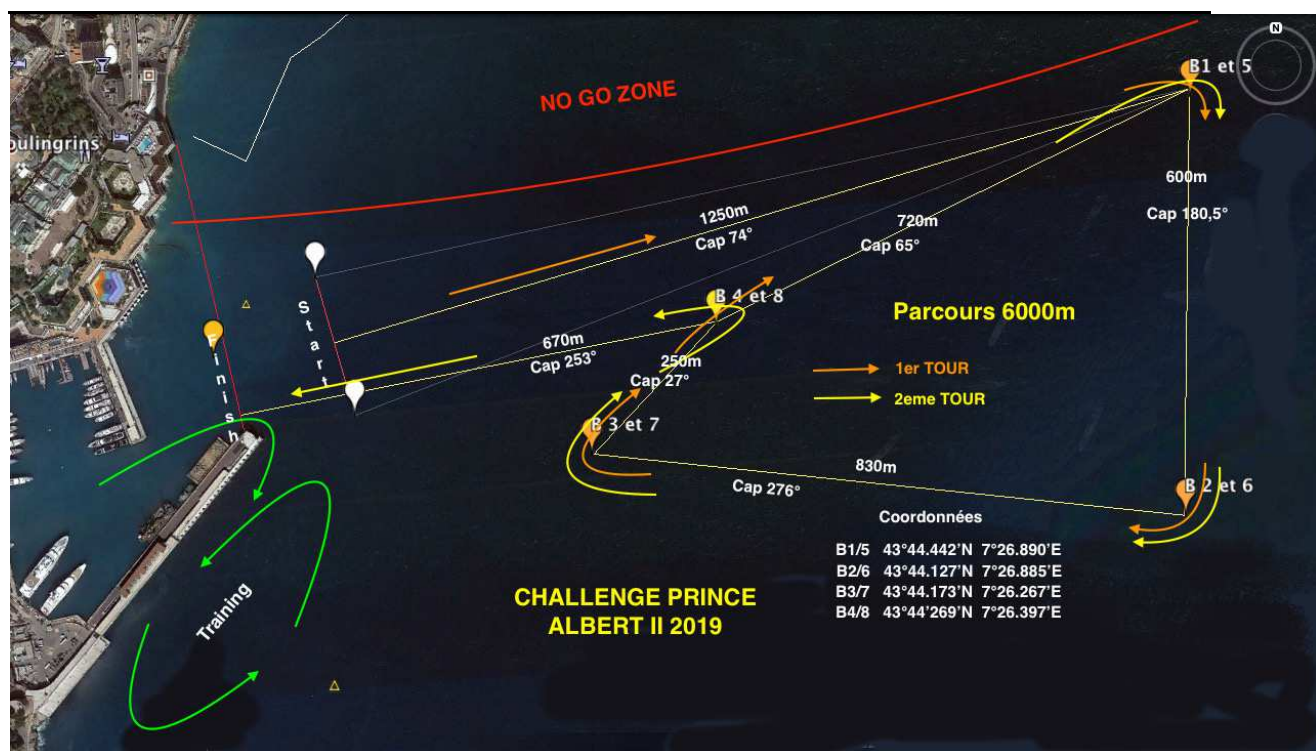
TIME	EVENTS	Nb OF ENTRIES
GROUP A		
09:00	CMix4X + Master CM4X	14
09:40	CM1X	15
10:20	CW2X	16
11:00	CW4X+	16
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch Break	
GROUP B		
13:00	CMix2X	8
13:40	CM4X+	23
14:20	CW1X	8
15:00	CM2X	1
16:20	Coupe des Grandes Ecoles	8
16:20	End of the races	
18:00	Victory ceremony	

II. Course Location

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER – Preliminary races 4000m



SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER – Races 6000m



III. Race Progression

The regatta will be held over two days of competition.

The finals will be held on Saturday, November 30th. The order of finish of each events will determine the final ranking of each category.

Given the number of entries, there will be no heats on Friday.

However, these preliminary races are mandatory and the results will be retained to establish the final ranking if the finals of Saturday can not be held.

IV. Some statistics

- Number of boats : 108
- Number of rowers participating: 330
- Number of countries represented: 18 :

Algeria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, France, Ireland, Italy, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, United States of America.

V. The participants

Man Solo: 15 participants.

High level in this event which counts the first two of the world championships 2019 (ESP and GER). Also to be noted the presence of Michael Schmid (SUI) and Mitchel Steenman (NED).

Woman Solo: 8 participants.

Smallest but toughest category with nothing less than the podium of the Worlds of 2019 (UKR, FRA, NED).

Man Double: 15 participants.

This race will see the Hong Kong bronze medallists (MON) face new powerful boats, especially the English boat from the Tyrian Club with the multi-medalist and world champion solo Eduardo Linares Luiz. Also to be noted the presence of the French double of St Nazaire with Mickael Marteau, international French rower, as well as the Rhône-Alpes boat composed of Clément Fonta and Gael Chocheyras, both former members of the French national team and world medalists.

Woman Double: 16 participants.

The category is open and will leave room for beautiful fights for the victory between the 12 nations represented. The Monegasque boat, with its experience in Hong Kong (finalist, 13th place) could have a word to say. The Algerian boat and the experienced Amina Rouba and her three Olympic participations (Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016 in skiff) could be a great challenger too.

Man Coxed Four: 23 participants.

High quality field in this event. The 2019 final could be played again. The reigning world champions (and multi-medalists) from Genova (ITA) will challenge the Monegasque boats on their waters (World Champion in 2015, Vice-World Champion in 2018, 4th in 2019) and the English (5th) and Greek (7th). The level will be even higher with the presence of the Lucerne club (SUI) and its 2016 Olympic

Champion Mario Gyr, and club Bayer Leverkusen (GER) with its 2012 Olympic Champion Tim Grohmann. France will be present too with an experienced crew of French internationals rowers.

Woman Coxed Four: 16 participants

The category remains relatively open. However, some boats have already shown their speed, including Denmark (3rd at the 2019 World Championships), Monaco (13th in the world 2019 following a collision) and a mixed French experienced coastal rowers.

Mixed Doubles: 8 participants

Some serious fight are also expected in this dense category. The Dutch 2018 world champion and 2019 silver medal will try to win. The Italian pair (Panteca / Cozzarini), 4th in 2019, will try its luck. Also coveting the first place, the crews from Germany (Wichert / Rickert) and France (Berra / Picard).

Mixed Coxed Four: 7 participants.

Only category that does not appear in the program of the World Championships. Lucerne (SUI) will aim for victory but the Americans from Philadelphia (Vesper Club) could get in their way.

VI. Booking and rental of equipment

The necessary has already been done on your side at the time of your registration.

If this is not the case, we invite you to get closer to our partners:

- Filippi : *info@filippiboats.it*
- Swift Racing : *gaetan@swiftinternational.biz*
- Falcon Racing : *contact@falconracing-europe.com*

As a last resort, send us a message (contactcpa2@monaco.mc) and we will help you in your research.

VII. At your arrival on the venue

Our team will welcome you from the morning of Thursday, November 28th.

Many things to do when you arrive and we invite you to do them quickly:

- 1) Confirm your participation to the Secretariat by signing the attendance sheet, at the office located in the meeting room of the Monaco Yacht Club.
- 2) Meet with your boat supplier and pick up your equipment;
- 3) Have a nice training and discover the Bay :)

Please do not forget that the Delegates and Captains Meeting will be held at **18:30 in the meeting room of the Monaco Yacht Club**. Your presence is mandatory.

VIII. Where to see the races

The best point of view to enjoy the show is on the “Lucciana Pier”, overlooking the start and finish area. You will not miss any of the highlights of the races.

A big screen will also be installed on site, live broadcasting the races.

Finally, the races will also be broadcasted live on the internet. The link will communicate during the Delegates and Captains meeting on Thursday 28 November.

IX. Gala Dinner and Rowers' Night

A Gala Dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday, November 30 at 20:30 in the Ballroom of the prestigious Monaco Yacht Club. The medal-winning crews of the following categories will be invited by the Organizing Committee: Solo (W1x / M1x), Double (W2x / M2x) and four (W4x+ / M4x+) as well as the mixed doubles (CMix2x).

So plan on a proper outfit: business attire for men, ladies cocktail outfit, or club outfit for both (blazer & tie).

For all other crews, a rower's party "Pasta party" will be offered at the restaurant of the Société Nautique de Monaco!

X. Weather forecast

Autumn is particularly rough this year.

Check the forecasts and take your precautions.

For indication, the website of the marine weather for Monaco:

<https://marine.meteoconsult.fr/meteo-marine/meteo-abords-du-port/plans-d-eau-interieurs/previsions-meteo-monaco-23-0.php>